

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen Meeting
Council Chambers - 10 N. Bemiston Avenue
March 22, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor Goldstein called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Alex Berger, Steve Lichtenfeld, Judy Goodman, Michelle Harris, and Cynthia Garnholz

Mayor Goldstein
City Manager Owens
City Attorney O'Keefe

Absent: Andrea Maddox-Dallas

Mayor Goldstein asked for any questions or comments relating to the March 8, 2011 minutes, which were previously provided to the Board.

Alderman Goodman moved to approve the March 8, 2011 minutes. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

None

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ROLLOVER OF CDBG FUNDS

City Manager Owens reported that each year, the City receives \$22,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, administrated by the St. Louis County Office of Community Development (OCD). The stipulations of this funding require that it be used to help disadvantaged groups. Recent projects in Clayton have included the addition of detectable warning surfaces to curb ramps, ADA improvements to bus stops, the purchase of wheelchair-accessible picnic tables, and the installation of electric door openers. The next planned project is the upgrade of curb ramps along Wydown Boulevard.

Due to timelines, the approval process, and seasonality, funds programmed for 2009 were expended in 2010, and funds programmed for 2010 will be expended in 2011. The 2009 funds were used to install electric door openers in restrooms at the Shaw Park sports complex and at Oak Knoll Park, as well as purchase accessible picnic tables for Shaw Park. Due to unexpectedly low bids, the full \$22,500 in 2009 funding was not expended. Strict CDBG bidding procedures did not allow for an increase in the amount of work completed. Thus, \$8,325 allocated by the OCD to the 2009 "Parks" project remains available for rollover to the 2010

“Sidewalks” project. The OCD requires approval from the Board of Aldermen before reallocating these funds.

Recommendation is to approve the resolution reallocating \$8,325 in CDBG funding from the 2009 “Parks” project to the 2010 “Sidewalks” project.

Alderman Berger moved to approve Resolution No. 11-14, and rollover the Community Development Block Grant funds from the 2009 Parks project to the 2010 sidewalks project. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

In response to Mayor Goldstein’s question, City Manager Owens stated that although the funds were leftover from a 2009 project, the City can receive additional funds for the following years.

In response to Alderman Lichtenfeld’s question, Mike Pratt stated that they are requesting the rollover of funds in order to not jeopardize losing the leftover money. He added that the City applies for funds on a regular basis if and when funding is available.

In response to Alderman Goodman’s question, Patty DeForrest stated that as far as she is aware the City has received funding for well over ten years.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A MOTION TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE TO SELL ALL KINDS OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT RETAIL BY THE DRINK, INCLUDING SUNDAYS, FOR MAD TOMATO, LLC, 8000 CARONDELET AVENUE

City Manager Owens reported that Mad Tomato, LLC, is requesting a liquor license to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor at retail by the drink, including Sundays, at 8000 Carondelet Avenue under the name of Mad Tomato.

The Police Department has completed its review of the application and supports the issuance of the requested license.

The applicant has chosen not to submit a petition from surrounding property owners and first floor tenants. As a result, they are aware that this application must have a super majority vote of five Board members in order to be approved. Staff has requested that a representative be in attendance at the meeting.

Staff recommends passing a motion to approve the liquor license to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor at retail by the drink, including on Sundays.

Alderman Berger moved to approve a liquor license for Mad Tomato, LLC located at 8000 Carondelet Avenue. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

In response to the Board’s questions, Thomas Sutleff, owner stated that construction on the restaurant should be completed by April 1; a fundraiser for Operation Food Search is scheduled for April 15th and they are scheduled to open for business on April 18.

Alderman Lichtenfeld commented that he is glad that they have located their restaurant in Clayton.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A MOTION TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE TO SELL ALL KINDS OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT RETAIL BY THE DRINK, EXCEPT SUNDAYS, FOR ST. LOUIS CORPORATE CAFES, LLC, DBA THE PATIO CAFÉ, 7711 BONHOMME AVENUE

City Manager Owens reported that St. Louis Corporate Cafes, LLC, is requesting a liquor license to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor at retail by the drink, except Sundays, at 7711 Bonhomme Avenue under the name of The Patio Cafe.

The Police Department has completed its review of the application and supports the issuance of the requested license.

The applicant has chosen not to submit a petition from surrounding property owners and first floor tenants. As a result, they are aware that this application must have a super majority vote of five Board members in order to be approved. Staff has requested that a representative be in attendance at the meeting.

Staff recommends passing a motion to approve the liquor license to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor at retail by the drink, except on Sundays.

Alderman Berger moved to approve a liquor license for St. Louis Corporate Cafes, LLC located at 7711 Bonhomme. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

In response to Alderman Garnholz's question, Mary O'Connor, owner/operator stated that she is planning to expand their hours to 8 or 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and that she also provides corporate catering.

Mayor Goldstein commented that the location provides a great outdoor venue and she is looking forward to visiting the restaurant.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Other

Alderman Garnholz commented that she is sorry to hear the news that Deputy City Manager Toser-Aldaz and Don Yucuis will be leaving the City.

Alderman Goodman commented that it is hard to lose great employees who have served the City well.

Alderman Goodman congratulated Patty DeForrest for being appointed President of the Missouri Parks & Recreation Association.

Mayor Goldstein announced that the April *City Views* is in the mail and to check out the new features.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk